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Senate Judiciary Committee  
Legislative Hearing on HB 161  
March 11, 8am  
Helena, MT 59620

To the Committee members;

Hello my name is Lucas Mulvaugh. I am writing you as a patient, a caregiver, and a small business owner. The name of my business is the Outlaw Hill Health and Sustainability Institute. At OHHSI, LLC we promote healthy living, spiritual consciousness and a sustainable future.

Over the past year our company has helped people struggling with cancer, diabetes, depression, anxiety, opiate addiction, multiple sclerosis, Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, degenerative disk disease, seizure disorder, osteoporosis, and colitis. Our company functions as an alternative health institute and works with patients that are no longer interested in using pharmaceutical drugs and the Western medical system. One of the medicines we provide for our patients is medical cannabis. Many of our patients, having exhausted their options in the Western medical system, have chosen to use cannabis to improve their quality of life. The results have been overwhelmingly positive, with many patients claiming that cannabis has actually saved their life.

HB-161 is an assault on the patients who have chosen a different path to achieve a higher quality of life. HB-161 not only violates patients' civil rights but also violates the Montana state constitution. HB-161 takes Montana citizens, some who are very sick, and makes them criminals. This is both unethical and immoral in a civilized society.

The Montana state legislature must not become a breeding ground for ideological warfare. The people promoting repeal and funding its propaganda campaign have a religious/ideological agenda. They have continually lied to the legislature and will do so today as well. The science of medical marijuana is firm. It helps people. I agree regulation is needed, and we must find common sense ways to fix the existing bill and not just repeal it.

A full repeal will prove very costly to Montana. There will be innumerable lawsuits from patients and caregivers alike. The cost of incarcerating 30,000 will be very high. In the end, repeal would be deemed unconstitutional and then we will be back at square one again, with an unregulated, out of control industry.

There are many of us who are working tirelessly to improve the way this industry works and weed out the bad actors. There are many of us who are doing it the right way. I would be more than happy to have any of you tour our institute and see the good work we accomplish. Our company has put over \$500,000 into the local Livingston economy since last Feb. We employ locally, spend locally, and act locally. We do this to help Montanans, and to help those who are sick.

Please take the time to understand the nature of the medical cannabis industry. Contact me at any time if you have questions. Your choice could help or hurt thousands. Please vote no on HB-161.

Thank You,

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